THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Allocation to Bihar under "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)" was Rs. 332 crore during 2005-06.

(b) In addition to the annual allocation, depending upon the proposals received from the State Government and performance in achieving the targets fixed for earlier phases of the scheme, funds over and above the normative annual allocation are released to the State Government.

(c) The target of connecting all the villages with population of over one thousand under 'Bharat Nirman' is by the end of the year 2009. The State Government has been advised to prepare and submit the project proposals by June, 2007 to achieve the targets under 'Bharat Nirman'.

(d) So far, Rs. 1049.77 crore has been released for roadworks under PMGSY in Bihar. Rural roads under PMGSY are constructed by the State Government/Nominated Executing Agencies and details of roads being constructed are to be made available by them on the website www.pmgsyonline.nic.in.

Textile Parks in M.P.

†1016. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate any scheme for setting up of textile parks for increasing textile production;

(b) if so, the total number of such parks that would be set up; and

(c) whether it is proposed to set up such a park in Madhya Pradesh also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) To provide the textile industry with world-class infrastructure facilities for setting up their textile units, Government is implementing the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP).

(b) The target during the Tenth Five Year Plan is 30 Textile Parks.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) So far no proposal for setting up of Textile Park under SITP in Madhya Pradesh has been received.

Extension of TUFS

1017. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TUFS is expiring on 31st March, 2007;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the office of the Prime Minister and the Planning Commission are opposing its extension and instead recommending to extend the infrastructure grants to textile companies, as has been done in the case of Integrated Textile Parks;

(c) if so, what is the opinion of the Ministry in this regard;

(d) whether the Finance Ministry has given its decision on TUFS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) Since the TUFS is expiring on 31st March, 2007, Ministry of Textiles had requested for its extension to the Office of the Prime Minister, Planning Commission and the Finance Ministry. As a result of this, the Hon'ble Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech for the year 2007-08, has announced that the TUFS will be continued during the Eleventh Plan and has also made a provision of Rs. 911 crore for this Scheme during 2007-08.

Textile Parks in Orissa

1018. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend Rs. 750 crore on 25 new textile parks; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the parks proposed to be developed in Orissa, to improve its economy?